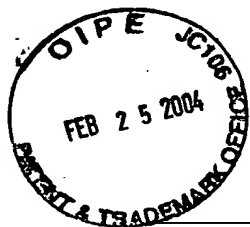


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

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Dear Sir:

In Response to the Communication From the Examiner dated January 29, 2004 (Paper No. 01222004), in which the examiner alleges that all pending claims have been canceled and, accordingly, questions the status of the application, Applicants respond as follows:

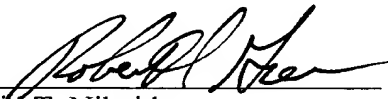
1. Applicants did not file any communications with the USPTO following the filing of an Appeal Brief on October 21, 2003;
2. Applicants did not cancel the appealed claims 5-12;
3. That Applicants believe this was an error by the USPTO;
4. That the extraneous papers have no cover sheet or signature page or other information identifying when they were file and by whom;
5. Applicants request that these extraneous pages be purged from the image file wrapper (IFW); and
6. Request that claims 5-12 be reinstated as pending and that the Appeal proceed.

Applicants' Representative thanks the examiner for the courtesies extended during the February 9, 2004 telephone conference discussing this matter. Applicants' Representative has reviewed the file, and as discussed, affirms that no papers were filed in the USPTO following the filing of the Appeal Brief on October 21, 2003.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. GOT-0011 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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